

Online Resource for Energy Assistance and Tax Breaks

With our economy still a long way from recovery and energy prices stubbornly high, many of us are looking for ways to lower our energy bills this winter.

Despite these hard times, government safeguards remain in place to ensure that families and seniors stay warm this winter. Additionally, tax breaks and other incentives are being offered to promote conservation.

For example, did you know that your utility company will provide you with a comprehensive inhome energy audit for a fee \$75? As part of the audit, your utility company will identify and seal air leaks, as well as install low-flow shower heads and energy efficient light bulbs. Many families report saving hundreds of dollars in the first year after the audit is performed.

The in-home energy audit and other programs are detailed in my *Citizen's Guide to Energy Assistance and Tax Breaks*. Please take a moment to review your family's eligibility for the many programs and incentives that are available.

